

TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR



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June 4, 2014

TO:

Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman

Supervisor Gloria Molina

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM:

Mark J. Saladino

Treasurer and Tax Collecte

SUBJECT:

2013-2014 NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY

In accordance with Section 2621 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, we are in the process of mailing out the attached notice to 143,516 taxpayers to remind them that their property taxes for the 2013-2014 tax year are delinquent and will default on July 1, 2014. This is a decrease of 3.9 percent from the previous year.

On July 1, a \$15 redemption fee will be imposed and the defaulted 2013-2014 taxes will be subject to additional penalties of 1.5 percent per month. Each notice will be accompanied by an insert that will provide additional information. Furthermore, if the property remains in a tax defaulted status for more than five years, or three years if it is non-residential commercial property, the property can be sold at public auction.

Any taxpayer wishing to discuss the receipt of this notice or needing additional assistance, may call the Proptax line at 1(888) 807-2111. If you have any special handling needs, please do not hesitate to contact me or your staff may contact Kathy Gloster, Assistant Treasurer and Tax Collector, at (213) 974-2077.

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Attachments

c: Assessor Chief Executive Officer Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors Auditor-Controller County Counsel



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Treasurer and Tax Collector Mark J. Saladino

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June 4, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

2013-2014 NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY

Los Angeles – The County Treasurer and Tax Collector is in the process of mailing out 143,516 notices of delinquency to taxpayers informing them that their property taxes for the 2013-2014 tax year are delinquent and will default on July 1, 2014. At that time, a \$15 redemption fee will be imposed and the taxes will be subject to additional penalties of 1.5 percent per month.

Treasurer and Tax Collector, Mark J. Saladino, cautions that if residential property remains in a tax default status for more than five years, the property can be sold at public auction. Non-residential commercial property is subject to public auction if it is tax defaulted for three or more years in accordance with State law.

Any taxpayer wishing to discuss the receipt of this notice or requiring additional assistance may call the Proptax line at 1(888) 807-2111. Information is also available on Los Angeles County Property Tax Portal at <u>lacountypropertytax.com</u>.

2013 - 2014 DELINQUENT TAX BILL

CITIES, COUNTY, SCHOOLS AND ALL OTHER TAXING AGENCIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SECURED PROPERTY TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 TO JUNE 30, 2014

NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY

MARK J. SALADINO TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR 225 NORTH HILL STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 1(213) 974-2111 OR 1(888) 807-2111 1(213) 974-2196 (TDD) ON THE WEB AT lacountypropertylax.com

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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If the property remains in a tax defaulted status for more than five years, or three years if it is non-residential commercial property, the property can be sold at public auction.

See the enclosed insert for payment options, general tax information and other important information.

Para su comodidad tenemos información general pregrabada que incluye fecha de vencimiento de los impuestos, disponible las 24 horas vía el sistema telefónico PROPTAX 1(213) 974-2111 si marca fuera del condado de Los Angeles, si marca dentro del Condado de Los Angeles marca 1(888) 807-2111. También disponible esta nuestra página web lacountypropertytax.com. Todos aquellos con problemas auditivos y que tienen el equipo de Telecomunicaciones Para Personas Sordas comuniquense o dejen su mensaje al 1(213) 974-2196 o sirvanse a usar el Servicio de Telecomunicaciones 1(800) 735-2929.

# MARK J. SALADINO TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

County of Los Angeles

P.O. Box 512102, Los Angeles, CA 90051-0102 FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 1(213) 974-2111 OR 1(888) 807-2111, ON THE WEB AT <u>lacountypropertytax.com</u>

#### NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY

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#### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Pay Online – To make payments online, go to <u>lacountypropertytax.com</u>, select "Pay Online" under "Payment Options." There is no charge for electronic check payments. You will need to use a Personal Identification Number (PIN), which is printed on the enclosed tax notice, to complete the transaction. Each transaction is limited to \$999,999.99. You may also pay online by using a credit card or Visa Debit card. However, there are processing fees when paying by credit/debit card. Each transaction is limited to \$99,999.99, including all service fees. Electronic payments can be made 24/7 and payments are accepted until 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on June 30, 2014.

Mailed Payments – Please use the enclosed envelope and include the payment stub from the notice. Do not attach staples, clips, tape, or correspondence. Property tax payments must be received or USPS postmarked by June 30, 2014. If mailing your payment near June 30, 2014, be sure to obtain a certificate of mailing from the USPS to reflect a timely payment. If a payment is received after June 30, 2014 with no postmark, the payment is considered late and penalties will be imposed, in accordance with State law. Taxpayers who send a payment by mail are cautioned that the USPS only postmarks certain mail depending on the type of postage used, and may not postmark mail on the same day deposited by a taxpayer. To assist taxpayers in understanding how to avoid penalties that could result from postmark issues, the Tax Collector has compiled important related information on how to "Avoid Penalties by Understanding Postmarks." Visit our website at ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/Postmarks.htm.

Pay by Credit Card or Visa Debit Card over the telephone – Credit cards (American Express, MasterCard, and Visa) and Visa Debit card payments are accepted over the telephone through a third-party vendor who charges a fee to utilize this service. To pay by telephone, call toll-free 1(888) 473-0835. You will need your Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) Number that is printed on your current year tax bill and a credit card or Visa Debit card to complete the transaction. Please retain the confirmation number for future reference. If you do not have the current year tax bill, see "How to Contact our Office" on the reverse side of this insert. Your current secured payment cannot be more than \$99,999.99 to use the telephone system.

Pay in Person – Cash or check is accepted at 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, CA 90012, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Pacific), Monday through Friday, excluding Los Angeles County holidays. Make your payment early to avoid long waits at the cashier windows.

Online Banking or Bill Payment Services – To ensure proper credit when using these services, enter the 19-digit EFT Number (includes the 13-digit ID#, 2-digit Year and 4-digit Sequence from your current year tax bill) followed by the number 1(1st installment), 2 (2nd installment), or 5 (both installments). The EFT Number changes annually. Ensure that the EFT Number that you enter is the same number that is reflected on your current year tax bill. If you do not have the current year tax bill, see "How to Contact our Office" on the reverse side of this insert.

**Electronic Check Processing** – When you provide a check as payment, you authorize the County of Los Angeles to either use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your bank account or process the payment as a check transaction. If we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your bank account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution. The transaction will appear on your bank statement as "LA Co Treasurer."

#### MILITARY ACTIVE DUTY EXEMPTIONS

Under provisions of the Federal Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, active military personnel, regardless of the duration of military service or financial status, qualify for a reduction in the interest charged on unpaid property taxes. Please call 1(213) 974-2111 or toll-free at 1(888) 807-2111 for more information.

### INSTALLMENT PLAN OPTION FOR DEFAULTED TAXES FROM A PRIOR YEAR

You may be eligible to open an installment plan and pay the defaulted taxes over a five-year period for nonresidential commercial or vacant property that is less than three years in default, and residential property that is less than five years in default. This plan will prevent the property from being sold at a public auction. For more information on the installment plan program, call 1(213) 974-2111 or toll-free at 1(888) 807-2111. Current year taxes are not eligible for the installment plan.

#### **VOLUNTARY THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATION PROGRAM**

In the event your property becomes tax defaulted and/or subject to sale due to a tax delinquency, you can designate a Third Party (e.g., a friend, family member, or agency) to receive copies of the default notices so they can remind you of your property tax obligation. Please call 1(213) 974-2111 or toll-free at 1(888) 807-2111 additional information. You can also complete and submit this application ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/ThirdPartyReminderNotification.htm.

#### **GENERAL TAX INFORMATION**

For your convenience, general prerecorded information, including taxes due, is available 24-hours a day through our PROPTAX telephone system. Call 1(213) 974-2111, if outside of Los Angeles County, or 1(888) 807-2111, if in Los Angeles County. Information is also available on our website at lacountypropertytax.com. Anyone who is hearing impaired and has TDD equipment may contact us or leave a message at 1(213) 974-2196, or use California Relay Services at 1(800) 735-2929.

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#### **EMAIL NOTIFICATION SERVICE**

You can now subscribe to receive emails from the Treasurer and Tax Collector regarding special notices and upcoming events, such as annual property tax deadline reminders, office location updates and other news. To subscribe to receive these notices, go to Email Notification Service at ttc.lacounty.gov/eNotify and enter your information.

#### **NEW REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TAX AGENTS**

Beginning July 1, 2013, anyone defined as a Tax Agent will be required to register annually before representing taxpayers before a county official. For more information about the program and who required to register, please visit the Assessment Appeals Board website bos.lacounty.gov/Services/AssessmentAppeals/TaxAgentRegistration.aspx.